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SUBJECT: NYE INTERVIEW ON BRAZIL - FRG NUCLEAR COOPERATION

BONN PLEASE PASS AARON, VICE PRESIDENT'S PARTY

1. FOLLOWING IS PRESS GUIDANCE PREPARED JANUARY 24 FOR
DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN, WHICH EMBASSY MAY ALSO USE AS NEEDED.

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BEGIN QUOTE: Q: IS THE NYE POSITION AS REPORTED IN THE
BRAZILIAN PRESS A NEW "POLICY" TO BE FOLLOWED BY THE CARTER
ADMINISTRATION?

A: PROFESSOR NYE WAS SPEAKING INFORMALLY TO A JOURNALIST,
WHOM HE HAD KNOWN FOR SOME TIME, IN BROAD TERMS AND ON A

GLOBAL BASIS ABOUT NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION ISSUES. HIS OBSERVATIONS WERE IN THE CONTEXT OF POSITIONS SET FORTH BY PRESIDENT CARTER IN HIS SEPTEMBER 25, 1976, SPEECH AT SAN DIEGO.

Q: WHAT ABOUT ASSURED NUCLEAR FUEL SUPPLY FOR BRAZIL?

A: AN ASSURED NUCLEAR FUEL SUPPLY FOR BRAZIL AND OTHER COUNTRIES WAS IDENTIFIED AS OBVIOUSLY A CENTRAL ELEMENT IN ANY APPROACH TO THE PROBLEM OF PROLIFERATION. THIS IS REFLECTED IN BOTH THE CARTER STATEMENT AND IN THE OCTOBER 28, 1976, STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT FORD. AS THE NEW ADMINISTRATION DEVELOPS ITS POLICY IN THIS AREA, THE PROBLEM OF ASSURED FUEL SUPPLIES WILL HAVE TO BE ADDRESSED. ANY SPECIFIC PROPOSALS ARE OF COURSE SUBJECT TO POLICY REVIEW BY THE NEW ADMINISTRATION.

Q: WHAT IS OUR POSITION ON FRG NUCLEAR EXPORTS TO BRAZIL?

A: WE HAVE ALWAYS RECOGNIZED THE LEGITIMATE ENERGY ASPIRATIONS OF BRAZIL AND OTHER COUNTRIES. OUR CONCERN HAS BEEN WITH SENSITIVE NUCLEAR ELEMENTS -- PARTICULARLY ENRICHMENT AND REPROCESSING -- WHICH HAVE IMPLICATIONS FOR PROLIFERATION. OUR CONCERN HAS NOT BEEN WITH CONVENTIONAL POWER REACTORS AND REACTOR FUEL. OUR OPPOSITION TO THE TRANSFER OF SENSITIVE NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY HAS BEEN A MATTER OF LONGSTANDING RECORD. END QUOTE.

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2. FOR EMBASSIES' BACKGROUND AND FOR USE IN RESPONDING TO INQUIRIES FROM GOB/FRG OFFICIALS: AS INDICATED ABOVE, JOSEPH NYE, NEWLY APPOINTED DEPUTY TO UNDER SECRETARY FOR SECURITY ASSISTANCE, GRANTED INTERVIEW TO ESTADO CORRESPONDENT MELLO IN VIEW OF THEIR PERSONAL ACQUAINTANCE IN PAST. HE CAREFULLY EXPLAINED THAT IT WAS A GENERAL AND GLOBAL PHILOSOPHICAL DISCUSSION OF NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION ISSUES AND POSSIBLE OPTIONS FOR US POLICY, AND THAT HIS REMARKS WERE NOT TO BE CONSIDERED AS FORECASTING SPECIFIC POLICY INITIATIVES. NYE PRESENTATION WAS, IN FACT, VERY WIDE RANGING AND TREATMENT OF BRAZIL/FRG ARRANGEMENT REPRESENTED SMALL PART OF IT -- PART WHICH MELLO AND ESTADO, HOWEVER, CHOSE TO HIGHLIGHT SOMEWHAT OUT OF CONTEXT. WHEN BRAZIL SITUATION WAS ADDRESSED, NYE DID ATTEMPT TO CONVEY US UNDERSTANDING OF BRAZIL'S ENERGY NEEDS AND LEGITIMATE ASPIRATIONS, AND THIS APPARENTLY DID COME THROUGH IN ESTADO ACCOUNT.

3. DEPARTMENT HAS PASSED SUBSTANCE OF ABOVE BACKGROUND

TO BRAZILIAN AND FRG EMBASSIES IN WASHINGTON.

4. DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN DREW UPON FIRST AND SECOND Q&A'S
(PARA 1) IN RESPONDING TO INQUIRIES AT NOON BRIEFING
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